

Native Village of Eyak Newsletter

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Sobriety Celebration A Success!

The Second Annual Native Village of Eyak's Sobriety Celebration was a great success this year, thanks to the many volunteers and contributors whose efforts made this year's event possible. We would like to give special thanks to the Sobriety Celebration Committee and it's sub-committees, including: the Food Committee, the Transportation Committee, the Travel Committee, the Set-Up Committee, and the Clean-Up Committee. We would like to thank everyone who made food for the welcoming dinner and the potluck. Also, we would like to give thanks to each of the following contributors for their generous donations to the Celebration:

AA High & Dry Group	Alaska Airlines
Alaska Commercial Company	Anchor Liquor Store
Anchor Parts	Anderson Electronics
ARCO Alaska, Inc.	The Barn
BP Pipelines (Alaska) Inc.	Bidarki Rec Center
Cablevision	CBPU
Chenega Bay Dancers	Club Bar
Copper River Delta Smokery	Cordova Air
Cordova Community Hospital	Cordova High School
Cordova Outboard	Emie Turner
The Cordova Times	
Davis Super Foods	
Elizabeth (Cookie) Rose	
Eyak Packing Co.	The Eyak Corp.

First National Bank of Anchorage	Gilbert Urata
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J.R. Lewis	Ketchikan Air
Laura's Liquor Shoppe	Lorraine Jager
Loyal Order of the Moose	Monica Riedel
Nancy Bird	
Norwalek Seal Dancers	Northern Nights Inn
National Bank of Alaska	PWSAC
North Pacific Processors and Ken Roenschildt	
Port Graham Dancers	Prince William Motel
The Reluctant Fisherman Inn	Rhonda's Hair Flair
St. Joseph's Catholic Church	Save-U-Lots
Seward Scenic Air	Tatitlek Corp.
Tatitlek Dancers	Tom Farquhar
West High Culture Club	

We would also like to extend our thanks to all of the parents and chaperones from the villages who attended the Celebration.

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ALYESKA SETTLEMENT DELAYED

Approximately 100 individuals have objected to the Alyeska Settlement distribution. These objections were filed with the Fund Administrator and the Court. Because of this, the Court has ordered that anyone else that is going to object needs to do so in writing before January 9, 1996. The Court then ordered that on January 25, 1996 the plaintiffs file a status report suggesting to the court how it should proceed with the resolution of the objections. This is not going to be an easy task, and will take some time to straighten out. In the meantime, we do not foresee any monies forthcoming until sometime after February 15, 1996.

(Richard Janssen, Janssen & Associates, 7/28/95)

EMERGENCY SHELTER OPENING

The Native Village of Eyak is in the process of coordinating the opening of a culturally oriented emergency shelter for women and children. This shelter will provide short term or long term housing, food and referral services to women and their children who are in emergency homeless situations only. The shelter will focus mainly on domestic violence victims, and will provide cultural activities to promote healing. Candidates for the shelter will need to speak with the Family Resource Center, who will in turn contact the resident managers if they feel the situation warrants it.

Over the last month we have had several renovations made to the new shelter building, and the projected opening date is January 1, 1996. This building will house up to eight people, not including the resident managers. The resident managers will be Jason and Diane Plant. The emergency shelter grant will fund this shelter for 15 months after the

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opening date. Anyone wanting information contact Diane at 7738.

ANHSC TRAINING

The Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission recently completed training for community based harbor seal management and biological sampling in Cordova and Homer. On November 28, the Cordova training went very well with 12 youths and 2 hunters participating. As scheduled, Kate Wyman, a biologist for the Marine Advisory for the University of Alaska in Kodiak, Monica Riedel, chairperson of the ANHSC, and Craig Miehler of the ADF&G Subsistence Division, attended and coordinated the session. The Village Technicians are: Don Kompkoff of Chenega, James Totemoff of Eyak/Cordova, and Jason Totemoff of Tatitlek. It was a beautiful day for bio-sampling and video taping. The youth area watch project was a very productive portion of the project. The hunters and youth interacted and worked well together in gathering and recording data.

Kate and Monica arrived in Homer on November 29, 1995 to hold a training session in Seldovia on November 30, but due to the high wind the session was canceled. The training took place at the Marine Advisory conference room and Kachemak Fish Processing on December 2, 1995 with four hunters/Village Technicians. The Village Technicians are: Nick Tanape Sr. of Narvalok, Dale Malchoff of Port Graham, Hoyt Ogle and Mike Ophelm of Seldovia.

Each village has a sampling kit, data forms and manuals, and will be receiving a refresher training video as soon as it is edited by ADF&G. Overall, the project is well accepted and participation is good.

Hello Tribal Members! Just a quick note to inform you that I will be available in the Tribal Council Office Monday - Friday 12 - 4 p.m., to process all Public Assistance applications. This includes Energy Assistance, AFDC, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Old Age Assistance, recertifications, or general information/assistance with VA benefits, SSI, Social Security, etc. I certainly look forward to working with you once again! Please feel free to call Laera during regular business hours (9AM - 4PM) to make an appointment. My family, Tony, Nick, Onika, Martha, Ricky-D, Melody and I wish you all a very wonderful holiday season!

Ruth Vo'well (formerly Hansen)

COUNCIL MEMBER RESIGNS

Native Village of Eyak Tribal Council Member Cheryl M. Lettich resigned from the council on Friday, December 15. Cheryl sat on the council since December of 1993. We would like to thank her for her hard work and dedication over the last two years.

ALASKA NATIVE HARBOR SEAL COMMISSION

I am honored to have been selected as Chairperson of the newly formed Alaska Native Harbor Seal Commission. It is a commission set up like the Alaska Sea Otter Commission to conserve and protect the harbor seal and the cultural well-being of the Alaska Natives who depend on the seals for nutritional value as well as artistic and handicraft use. With the help of the Alaska Department of Fish & Game Subsistence Division, we have been fortunate in obtaining funding from EVOS to do a harbor seal biological sampling program. I have sent introduction letters out to the selected pilot villages about the program. The Native Village of Eyak is one of the villages selected and I would like to hear from hunters if they would like to participate in this effort. My office is located at 810 Lake Ave. in the Dineegaa Sewing Shop temporarily until more funding becomes available. My number is 907-424-5882 and my fax is 907-424-5883. Quyanaat!

Monica Riedel
P.O. Box 2229
Cordova, AK 99574

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NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE

A New Year's Eve dance will be held at the Pioneer Igloo on December 31, 1995, from 9PM - 1AM. Admission is free.

Help is needed for refreshments, decorations, music, and any ideas for games would be very much appreciated. For questions, information, or if you would like to help, call Steve Donaldson at 424-7286 or at 424-7738.

TALKING CIRCLE AND HEALING CEREMONY

Healing of the grief and loss associated with the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill.

Two days of healing and ceremonies on January 27th & 28th, 1996, at the Masonic Hall.

*A Tobacco Free Gathering

For more information contact Steve Donaldson at 7286 or 7738.

JOURNEY TO RECOVERY SUPPORT GROUP

LOCATION: Cordova Community Medical Center,
Sound Alternative Group Room

Date: Tuesdays Time: 2:00 p.m.

- 1) Supporting people in their journey of recovery;
- 2) Exploring the natural healing process through physical and spiritual means; and
- 3) Creating a continuing growth program for our community.

For more information contact Steve Donaldson at 7286 or 7738.

SURVEY

The Native Village of Eyak is conducting a study to see if it is feasible to build an Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment Center in our region. It is possible to be utilized by all of the villages/communities in the Prince William Sound.

YOUR INPUT IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE ON THIS MATTER! WE REQUEST THAT YOU FILL OUT THIS FORM AND CALL THE VILLAGE OFFICE FOR IT TO BE PICKED UP, OR YOU MAY DROP IT OFF AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE, OR SEND IT THROUGH THE MAIL. YOUR NAME IS NOT REQUIRED ON THIS, BUT YOUR VIEWS AND COMMENTS ARE VERY VALUABLE FOR ALL OF US.

1. Do you think an alcohol/substance abuse treatment center is feasible to our area?

YES _____

NO _____ If no, why not? _____

2. Do you feel there is a need for a detoxification center in our area?

YES _____

NO _____

3. Do you feel there is a need for an alcohol/substance abuse treatment center?

YES _____

NO _____

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS:

PLEASE RESPOND BY JANUARY 30, 1996. IF YOU NEED YOUR SURVEY PICKED UP, OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE VILLAGE OFFICE AT 424-7718. THANK YOU!

CHUGACH REGIONAL RESOURCES COMMISSION NEWS

from the Native Village of Eyak Commissioner: Monica Riedel, alternate: Mark King

Cana-i,

I am very grateful to be your CRRC representative. After the last election I was appointed to the position representing the Native Village of Eyak. My activities as a director on the CRRC board include staying informed on what the Chugach Villages are doing in regards to natural resources issues. I have also been trying to keep the tribe involved in different projects throughout the region. I have conducted several meetings to get feedback from our tribal members and council, and have been involved in several workshops regarding subsistence and natural resources issues.

Some of the projects I would like to report on have been funded by the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill Trustee Council. Last spring and summer some of the Council members and I attended many meetings that included our tribe. The projects that were funded are:

Comprehensive Community Plan for Restoration of Archaeological Resources in PWS and Lower Cook Inlet

Project #96154 (Chugach Heritage Foundation)	\$296,300	FY96
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Community Involvement/Traditional Ecological Knowledge

Project #96052 (Chugach Regional Resources Commission)	\$261,000	FY96
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Prince William Sound Youth Area Watch

Project #96210 (Chugach School District)	\$115,000	FY96
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PWSAC: Restoration of Pink Salmon Resources and Services

Project #95093 (PWSAC/Native Village of Eyak)	\$190,000	FY95
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Eastern Prince William Sound Wildstock Salmon Habitat Restoration

Project #96220 (Native Village of Eyak)	\$ 85,100	FY96
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Community-Based Harbor Seal Management and Biological Sampling

Project #96244 (ANHSC/ADFG)	\$128,500	FY96
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Chugach Native Region Clam Restoration

Project #96131 (Chugach Regional Resources Commission)	\$405,000 (deferred until December)	FY96
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Please keep in mind that the Native Village of Eyak is one of 7 villages under the Chugachnuit non-profit organization which may be included in the projects listed above. The other villages are: Tatitlek, Chenega, Naswalek, Port Graham, Qutekcuk Native Tribe, and Valdez Native Tribe.

We are very fortunate to have Martha Vlasoff as our Community Involvement Project Coordinator. She just started her new position at the EVOS Trustee Council Office. She has been instrumental in the planning process of virtually all Subsistence, Archaeological, and Tribal related projects. Her phone # is 907-265-9337.

Monica Riedel, Commissioner

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT STATISTICS

NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO PREVENT CHILD ABUSE

Since 1983 the number of reports of child abuse and neglect has risen by 50%. Many reasons have been cited as contributing to this increase. Among these reasons are (1) increased public awareness, (2) more families living at or near poverty level, (3) abuse of alcohol and other substances, and (4) fewer resources available to the increasing number of families needing child protective services.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT REPORTS IN THE UNITED STATES

In 1993, an estimated 2,989,000 children were reported for child abuse and neglect to child protective service agencies in the United States. About 45 out of every 1,000 children were reported as victims of maltreatment.

The reports of abuse have been separated into the following categories:

Neglect	1,404,830	47%	*Other	269,010	9%
Physical Abuse	896,700	30%	Emotional Abuse	59,780	2%
Sexual Abuse	328,790	11%			

"Other" may indicate more than one form of abuse or abandonment.

CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT FATALITIES

In 1993, an estimated 1,299 child abuse and neglect related fatalities were confirmed by child protective service agencies in the United States. At least three children died each day as a result of maltreatment. The cause of death for 51% of the victims was abuse, 43% of deaths was the result of neglect, and 6% of the fatalities were caused by a combination of abuse and neglect. Young children were most often victims of fatal injuries, with 86% of deaths occurring when children were under the age of five, and 46% of these victims were under the age of one at the time of their death.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Studies of the general population of adults show that anywhere from 6% to 63% of females were sexually abused as children. Females are more often victims of sexual abuse than males. Generally, children are sexually abused by adults who are related to them or are known by them or their families. An estimated 77% of reported abusers are parents, 16% are other relatives, and 6% are non-related.

CHILD ABUSE IN DAY CARE AND FOSTER CARE

Reports of child abuse in day care and foster care settings attract a great deal of attention from the media and the general public. However, it is important to remember that less than 1% of confirmed abuse cases occurred in these environments in 1993.

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EVOS COMMUNITY FACILITATOR POSITION OPEN

The Community Involvement Project will hold a half day meeting on January 15, 1996, the day before the Science Work Shop, to familiarize the new facilitators hired through the Community Involvement Project with the EVOS process and to let them know what will be expected of them over the coming year. We will also hold the first meeting of the Steering Committee formed during the Community Conference on Subsistence and the Oil Spill, which was held in Anchorage in September. They will be able to help the communities with project concerns for this coming year. Please discuss locally whatever you want to bring up at the Science Workshop in regards to injured resources and proposals so we can get an early start on the whole process this year. There will be less money for new projects. The oversight of the project will be done by CRRC's (Chugach Regional Resources Commission) director Patty Schulerberg. CRRC has hired Martha Vlasoff as Community Involvement Spill Area Wide Coordinator, who will be working out of the EVOS Restoration office. Once the Community Facilitators from all the oil spill impacted communities are hired, they will meet with the Spill Area Wide Coordinator on the details of project implementation.

The following is a general outline of the functions that the community facilitators will be asked to perform. The details of how the work is accomplished will be determined by the local governing body (Native Village of Eyak). Each governing body will be required to submit to CRRC quarterly reports detailing the local activities of the project. The Native Village of Eyak is hiring for this position. Please contact the office at 7738 for more information.

COMMUNITY FACILITATORS WILL:

1. Inform the spill area wide coordinator of community issues /concerns/questions. Issues could be identified through community meetings conducted by the community facilitators or through other means, and could include ideas for new projects.
2. Assist the spill area wide coordinator in increasing community involvement in restoration projects. Tasks might include: identifying community members with available boats and other equipment who are available to work and what their skills are, assisting in local coordination to the annual round of Trustee Council community meetings as well as community visits from project Principle Investigators, etc.
3. Disseminate to community members the twice monthly updates from the spill area wide coordinator.
4. Attend the annual Restoration Workshop and certain scientific review sessions (for example on the SEA Project, Persisting Oil Workshop, or Octopus/Cliton Project).
5. Assist in defining protocols, policies and principles for the collection and use of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK).
6. Assist in identifying injured species on which TEK should be collected.
7. Receive training in collection of TEK.
8. Collect TEK under the supervision of the spill area wide coordinator and the Subsistence Division of the Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.

Please Contact Martha Vlasoff if you have any questions or need more information.

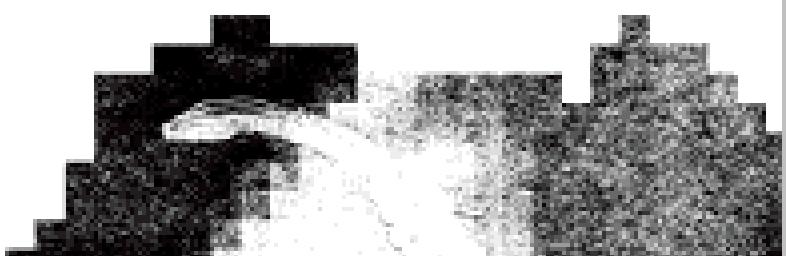
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NATIVE YOUTH ART CONTEST

The Cook Inlet Tribal Council is sponsoring a Native Youth Art Contest. The categories will be Traditional and Contemporary. The age divisions will be pre-elementary (preschool & kindergarten), elementary (grades 1 - 6), and secondary (grades 7 - 12). Prizes will include savings bonds, ribbons, plaques, and certificates.

To qualify, the student must be KOM Certified. All entries must have the following: Name, Grade, School, and Category entered. Matted or framed pictures & photos. Written entries in a protective folder.

The entry deadline is January 22, 1996. To turn in entries, call Toss at 424-3756 or 424-5885, or mail them to: Toss Barnes, P.O Box 1644, Cordova, AK 99574.

NYO UPDATE

The Cook Inlet Tribal Council is sponsoring this year's Native Youth Olympics, in April of 1996. Events will include a Native Youth Dance Contest, Miss Native Youth Olympics, Native Youth Dress or Costume Contest, and Arts & Crafts Tables for Youth Fund Raising from Villages.

If anyone is interested in signing up or would like more information on how to get their children involved with NYO, please call the Village office at 7738.

THANK YOU!

We would like to sincerely thank Lorene Jager for volunteering her time to come down to the Village office. Her steadfast volunteer work is deeply appreciated, and we could not make it without her. Thank you Lorene!!

The Youth Council will hold a meeting on Friday, January 5, 1996 to discuss getting a local dance group together. If you are interested, please call Toss at 3756 or 5885 for more information.

The Native Village of Eyak Newsletter is a quarterly letter to keep tribal members up to date on what is happening within their community. We would like to expand the newsletter in to more categories, to include: Letters to the editor, classified advertising, recipes, traditional stories and legends, and a question and answer section. If you have any questions or comments, or would like to add something of your own, please contact Laura at the Village office at 424-7738. Your input would be welcome!

*The staff at the Native
Village of Eyak
Tribal Council office
would like to wish
everyone a wonderful
holiday season!*

*Diane, Laura, Marlena,
Myra and Ruth*